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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**

**Re: Application by Verizon Maryland, Verizon Washington, DC and
Verizon West Virginia for Authorization To Provide In-Region,
InterLATA Services in States of Maryland, Washington, DC and
West Virginia, WC Docket No. 02-384**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to encourage the Federal Communications Commission to consider a favorable decision of Verizon Washington, DC's application to offer long distance service to District customers.

The Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia and the U.S. Department of Justice have found that Verizon has opened its market to competition and has recommended the FCC approve Verizon's long distance application.

Verizon has established a track record for innovative and straight forward calling plans and the more than 570,000 residents of the District of Columbia are entitled to full competition, more choices and lower prices like so many others benefiting from Verizon offering long distance service.

I respectfully request that the FCC approve Verizon's application and I thank you for your positive response.

Sincerely,

Eleanor Holmes Norton

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